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The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—"It is proposed to open a millet station at Adoni."

The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI :—" Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to abolish the farm at Chintaladevi, Nellore district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There is no such proposal."

Fisheries

Work done by the Director of Fisheries.

*1918 Q.—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the post of the Director of Fisheries was permanently created ;

(b) how many times and for what period the Director of Fisheries has been either on leave or employed on other duty ;

(c) what were the arrangements made to carry on his work during his absence ;

(d) whether it is a fact that several proposals relating to the working of the Fisheries department are allowed to lie over pending the arrival of the permanent Director of Fisheries ; and

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, what those proposals are ?

A.—(a) In July 1915.

(b) Mr. Hornell, the late Director of Fisheries, was on leave from the 15th January to 14th November 1920. Dr. Sundara Raj was on leave from the 16th May to 14th July 1926 and again from the 1st July 1928 to 28th February 1929. He was also employed on special duty under the Government of Bihar and Orissa for a period of three weeks from the 8th June 1928.

(c) During Mr. Hornell's absence on leave and when Dr. Sundara Raj was on leave from the 16th May to 14th July 1926, the Director of Industries held additional charge of the post of the Director of Fisheries. When Dr. Sundara Raj was on special duty for three weeks from 8th June 1928 and on leave from 1st July 1928 to 28th February 1929, the Superintendent, Government Museum, was appointed to hold full additional charge of the post of Director of Fisheries.

(d) & (e) The only proposal which was allowed by Government to be deferred pending the return of Dr. Sundara Raj from leave was the publication of a bulletin of important marketable fishes in the presidency.

Public Works

Acquisition of the North Georgetown playground for Public Works Department buildings.

*1919 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the North Georgetown playground in the Madras City has recently been given to the Public Works Department for making an addition to their buildings ;

(b) whether it is proposed to erect police lines on the adjoining plot of ground ;